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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING
 MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please enter the following amendments to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 through 146 and add the following new claims:

- 147. (New) A gate for controlling passage through an opening including:
 a first support means located on one side of the opening;
 a second support means located on the other side of the opening;
 at least one elongate member, having a first and a second end, extendable across the opening between said first and second support means;
 a first drive means to draw in said elongate member to thereby restrict passage through said opening; and
 a control means for coupling and decoupling said first drive means;
 wherein decoupling of said first drive means allows for release of said at least one elongate member to thereby enable passage through said opening and coupling of said first drive means allows for drawing in said at least one elongate member to thereby restrict passage through said opening.
148. (New) A gate as claimed in claim 147 wherein said elongate member is a cable, chain, rope, cord, rod or pipe provided with flexible end fittings.
149. (New) A gate as claimed in claim 147 wherein said first and/or said second support means are posts.
150. (New) A gate as claimed in claim 147 wherein said control means is located substantially wholly within one of said first or second support means, to thereby limit access to said control means.
151. (New) A gate as claimed in claim 147 wherein said first drive means is located substantially wholly within one of said first or second support means, to thereby limit access to said first drive means
152. A gate as claimed in claim 147 further including a first line connecting said first end of said at least one elongate member to said first drive means such that said first drive means operates to draw in said first line thereby drawing in said at least one elongate member.

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